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In re Application of: Ralph Mandia

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For: Fish Tank Vacuum

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Hon. Commissioner of
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In order to comply with 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, attached hereto is a copy of Form PTO-1449 and a copy of the documents listed thereon. These documents contain information which the Examiner should consider during examination of the present application.

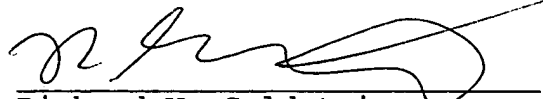
In accordance with MPEP Sections 609 and 707.05(b), it is requested that the documents cited be given thorough consideration and that it be cited of record in the prosecution history of the present application by initialing Form PTO-1449 next to the document. Such initialing is requested even if the Examiner does

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Early and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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